

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 916

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A RESOLUTION to join with citizens across this great State in celebrating April 10, 2012, as "Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, Day on the Hill."

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to honor and specially distinguish those organizations whose stated goals advance the most noble precepts of human endeavor and whose history of service in pursuing those goals represents an outstanding example to all who are touched by that record; and

WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., is an outstanding example of the Greek system at work and is an organization possessed of a long tradition of excellence; and

WHEREAS, founded at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, in 1911, the fraternity grew from one undergraduate group of nine members to an international organization with more than 120,000 members across the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, and Africa; and

WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. is divided into twelve regions, known as provinces, with the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi represented in the South Central Province; members of this province, like all others, are encouraged to promote the fraternity's legacy of brotherhood, achievement, and service in its most needed communities; and

WHEREAS, the South Central Province consists of forty-four chapters, with twenty-seven of those chapters located in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, as Kappa Alpha PSI celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2011, Grand Polemarch, William R. Bates, Esq., has outlined a vision entitled "100 Years and Building: The Journey Continues," that pays homage to the first 100 years of achievement while continuing the pursuit of Phi Nu Pi in the second century of Kappa; and

WHEREAS, Byron D. White, the newly appointed Polemarch of the South Central Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., serves the Province with distinction in conjunction with the Polemarchs of its undergraduate and alumni chapters; and

WHEREAS, as we observe "Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Day on the Hill," the members of Kappa Alpha Psi should be commended for their exemplary civic contributions, public policy service, scholarship, and partnerships forged to implement program activities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with citizens across this great State in celebrating April 10, 2012, as "Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Day on the Hill," and we recognize and commend the members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., for their estimable civic contributions through the implementation of their Extraordinary Service Program under the theme, "100 Years and Building: The Journey Continues," commend their meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and their many years of dedicated service in the public interest, and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the National Headquarters of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to be permanently displayed in its archives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.